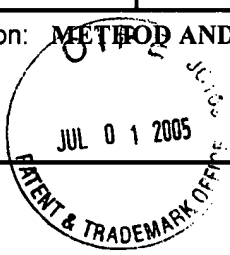
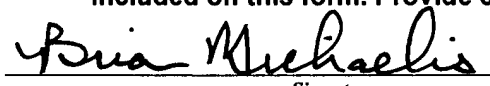

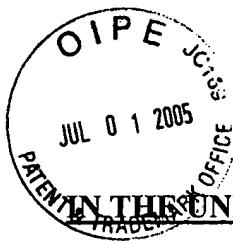


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, and the following remarks considered, prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination.